



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

It doesn't feel like we have only been back a week as so much has happened in school in just 5 days. Clearly the most important thing is the learning which continues at pace and is what allows our children to achieve their best. However, the enjoyment side of our school motto has also been very much in evidence this week.

Firstly, I'm sure you will agree, the new playground markings look excellent. Watching the breakfast club children enjoying them first thing on Monday morning started the week off really well. These were only possible thanks to the money raised last year by the LPPA which has come from you. Thank you.

Also this week we have taken part in Sports Hall Athletics as part of the Shenfield Sports Partnership (SSP) run by Shenfield High School; had a specialist teacher from the SSP teaching gymnastics; had Don Rae in working with Year 3 today and all of the older children took part in a democracy workshop. It is these extra-curricular opportunities that we feel are so valuable and we know the children really enjoy that add to the offer at Larchwood.

You may be aware of the links we built in the past with a school in China. In 2019 I was lucky enough to visit our partner school in Yixing (about 4 hours west of Shanghai), with Mr Duff and Miss Adams. Dingshan Experimental Primary School is an amazing place and there were so many things that we learnt by visiting it. For example, the outdoor speakers we use for Funky Friday were something we developed after visiting and in the hall, there is a large sign saying Larchwood Primary School in Mandarin that we wrote.

Not long after our visit, international travel ceased due to the pandemic and the link was paused. However, today Mr Duff is flying out to China to visit our link school and attend an international conference after being invited back. I was also invited, but felt the timing wasn't quite right at the moment for a number of reasons. Mr Duff will be speaking at the school about how we teach phonics and at the conference about school reform and accountability. He has also taken out Larchwood branded items and some letters that our Year 5 children have written so we can start communicating with them regularly. Hopefully I can post some updates on his visit on Twitter/X.

### Junior Governing Board

I mentioned the democracy workshop we had on Monday and just before half term each class elected their new Junior Governing Board (JGB) representative. They met with Mrs Jaycock on Monday for their first meeting and to start planning things that they want to achieve this year. Congratulations to the following children.

RM – Hannah  
1A – Briar-Rose  
2C – Layla

RT – Freddie  
1P – Emily  
2G – Ada



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3C – Grace  
 4LC - Georgia  
 5L – Leo  
 6C – Alfie

3B – Oliver  
 4T – Daisy  
 5P – Hermione  
 6R – Sonny

I look forward to working with you all.

### Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Display	Edit	Previous	Prior	Diagram	Malevolent	Corporate



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Poppy in 6R for demonstrating the value of friendship.



## Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Bailey	Cooper	Michael	Noah	Darcy	Alisa	Zachery
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Ian	Byron	Praneet	Millie	Leo	Charlie R	Chloe

## Reading at Home



5 excellent classes and 1 with 100% 5 times. Well done to RT for also getting 100% for the first time.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	93%
RT	0 (0%)	5 (20%)	20 (80%)	100%
1A	4 (14%)	8 (29%)	16 (57%)	86%
1P	4 (13%)	9 (30%)	17 (57%)	87%
2C	4 (13%)	6 (20%)	20 (67%)	87%
2G	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	97%
3B	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	25 (80%)	90%
3C	2 (7%)	7 (23%)	21 (70%)	93%
4LC	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	100%
4T	4 (14%)	6 (21%)	19 (65%)	86%
5L	6 (20%)	5 (17%)	19 (63%)	80%
5P	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (83%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (100%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	100%
Total				94%



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## Diary Dates

Below are some of the important dates coming up this half term:

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week starts
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need non-uniform day (pay £1)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	LPPA Christmas market
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity 2pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 sing-a-long
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas sing-a-long 2C, 3B, 4T, 5L, 6C
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports sent home Years 1 - 6
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas sing-a-long 2G, 3C, 4LC, 5P, 6R
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	LPPA Christmas discos
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.3%	96.7%	94.7%	97.7%	98.3%	97.3%	96.5%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.9%
Attendance	100%	95.5%	95.3%	97%	95.3%	94.8%	97.9%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3C	RM	2C



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.9%	94.8%	95.6%	97.1%	97.4%	97.1%	96.5%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.5%
Attendance	96.8%	95.9%	95.7%	96.3%	96.6%	97.4%	95.2%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RM	2C & 6C	1P & 2G



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